



Civil Commitment Unit

For

Sexual Offenders

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Purpose

The Civil Commitment Unit for Sexual Offenders (CCUSO) provides a 24/7 secure, long term, and highly structured setting to treat sexually violent predators who have served their prison terms but who, in a separate civil trial, have been found likely to commit further violent sexual offenses.

Who

- Established in 1999, the program has grown steadily. As of July 2010, there were 80 patients, all of them court-ordered. All are men. The average age is 45 but the range is from the 20s to the 80s. When including all expenses to operate CCUSO, it costs about \$85,000 per patient.
- There are several patients in the fifth and final phase of the treatment program. No patient has completed all five phases, but in the 11-year history of the program, a total of 13 patients have been dismissed on judicial orders or trials. In most of these cases it was ruled there were flaws in the commitment procedure.

What

The CCUSO unit is a 24/7 secure facility located on the campus of the mental health institute at Cherokee. CCUSO patients have no contact with patients of the MHI.

The CCUSO treatment program includes:

- Group and individual therapy, including victim empathy and strategies to prevent relapse.
- Educational programming for patients who do not have the basic skills needed to fully participate in therapy.
- Physiological assessments to measure and verify results of treatment strategies.
- Transitional and discharge planning, and supervision for patients who have completed all five treatment phases, if ordered by a court.

How are we Doing?

Patients must participate in the structured program in order to advance toward eventual release. In SFY 2010, 26 percent of the average daily population of 80 patients progressed to the next treatment phase.